

## Semi-Luxury Tax-Repealer Is Held Up

**Sudden Opposition Develops  
When It Is Discovered  
That It Will Cause \$100-  
000,000 Revenue Loss**

**Will Be Voted on Monday**

**Fess. of Ohio. One of Repub-  
lican Leaders Among Ob-  
jectors to the Measure**

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Scattering opposition to the repeal of the 10 per cent semi-luxury tax developed after six hours of debate.

Representative Joseph W. Fordney, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, unconsciously gave the cue to the opponents of the repeal when he estimated that the cancellation of the semi-luxury taxes would cost the government \$100,000,000 in revenue annually.

Representative Fess, of Ohio, one of the Republican leaders in the House, promptly came out against the repeal on the ground that the government has not now in sight sufficient revenue to meet its expenses. He pointed out that the luxury taxes bore only on those who can well afford to pay.

Representative Thomas, of Ken-

tucky, Democrat, attacked the repeal for an hour. At the conclusion of his speech a point of no quorum was made and Representative Fordney proposed an adjournment until Monday.

**Will Be Passed Monday.**

In spite of the setback the repealer received, after it was supposed the way had been cleared for its passage within an hour, there seemed to be no chance that it would be defeated when it reaches a vote Monday. The opponents of tax reductions have a powerful argument, however, in the figures on revenue losses, and they threaten to make hard sledding for other repealers still to come.

Claude Kitchen, Democrat, of North Carolina, was accused by Representative Thomas of having joined the ranks of the high protectionists when he indicated that the loss of revenue on luxury taxes probably would be made up by increased import duties.

Representative Thomas asserted that through the repeal of the luxury taxes the Republicans were attempting to gain a political advantage. This assertion was vigorously denied by Representative Fordney.

The Ways and Means Committee is ready to report to the House as soon as the war-tax repealer has been disposed of, a resolution repealing the 10 per cent taxes on ice cream and mixed soft drinks, Representative Fordney announced. The repeal of these taxes, he said, will cut off \$21,000,000 in revenue.

**Demand Is Widespread**

Representative Fordney said there was a widespread demand for the repeal of all consumption taxes, which the Treasury Department estimated would yield \$350,000,000 annually, and especially for the cancellation of the tax on automobiles. If all these taxes are repealed, he explained, there will be a large deficit in government finances and new ways of securing revenue must be found.

He told the House that the Ways and Means Committee will carefully consider what American industries need protection from German competition.

## Chauncey Depew 'Kicks' At Statue's Dull View

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., May 31.—Chauncey Depew in the flesh stood at the feet of Chauncey Depew in bronze, who dominates Depew Park, the other day and mourned that his metallic replica had no more pleasing view to look out upon.

He didn't stop at mourning, either. Since then he has made arrangements with Sigurd Neandross, who modeled the statue, to beautify the grounds about it. A force of men has already been put to work. Paths are to be laid out, evergreens planted, flower beds made and two bronze benches placed where persons may sit and meditate upon the statue of the sage of Peekskill.

Bills to protect the dye, chemical and potash industries by increasing the duties on these commodities, will be reported by the committee soon.

"I am opposed to consumption taxes," he asserted, "but where are we going to get the money necessary to run the government? We shall fall behind next year between one and two billions. We must reduce expenses."

The naval and military authorities show little appreciation of the situation in failing more quickly to demobilize men called into the service for the period of the war. There is no excuse for the long delay. It simply adds millions of dollars a month to the expenses of the government.

**People Must Pay**

"Some other taxes must be raised to substitute those repealed. The people must pay. There is no ground for complaint on the part of the American people, because these taxes are necessary to the war effort."

"The taxation bureau of the United States is small, relatively, when one considers the taxes that must be paid by the people of the Allied countries. Our national debt is about \$27,500,000,000, which is not alarming. We have loaned to foreign governments about \$3,000,000,000. We have loaned some of them money to pay interest on previous loans, but hereafter we expect them to pay the interest themselves."

Conditions throughout the world are such, Representative Fordney said, that a reduction of taxes bearing upon the poorer classes is particularly desirable. Where possible the burdens should be imposed upon those having larger incomes, he said.

**Deficit Billion or More**

"The expenses of the government for the coming year," he continued, "are going to be in excess of the revenues collected by the government somewhere between one and two billion dollars. The important question is, where are we going to get the money?"

"This is a matter for the serious consideration of Congress. When we repeal any of the existing laws we must bear in mind the question of where we are going to get the revenues in lieu thereof."

Turning to the Democrat side of the House, after he had told of the plan of the Ways and Means Committee for protecting industries that have been developed during the war, Representative Fordney said:

"We are going to ask our good friends of the minority to help us protect these industries from Germany the minute the peace treaty is signed. I know you will do it."

## 15 Boys Recaptured After Jail Break On Randall's Island

**Escape Made by Beating  
Keeper Unconscious and  
Taking His Keys; Six Are  
Nearly Drowned in River**

Fifteen youths, ranging in age from sixteen to nineteen, joined in a jail break at the House of Refuge on Randall's Island early yesterday. They attacked a keeper, Thomas Downs, inflicting injuries which may prove fatal. Then they tried to steal rowboats in which to escape to Manhattan. Six were rescued in the swirling waters of Harlem Kill after their boat had overturned. The others were found hiding in ditches and buildings on the island. All later were arraigned in Harlem Court and held on charges of felonious assault, pending the outcome of the keeper's injuries. A hearing was set for June 10.

Louis Di Domenico, a Brooklyn laborer, eighteen years old, was leader in the break, according to the police. He saved the lock off his cell, it is said, and when Downs entered on his rounds struck him on the head with a hammer.

Then he liberated the other fourteen boys and all set upon Downs, who showed signs of recovering consciousness, beating him into insensibility again. Downs's keys were taken and with these the boys unlocked the doors barring their way to the open, leaving the keeper bound with bed sheets in Di Domenico's cell.

Six managed to commandeer a row-boat after a general alarm had been sounded. The others awaited searchers until daylight, by which time all the fugitives were again in captivity.

The boys demurred at having to wait for hearing until June 10, but when asked whether they desired immediate return to Randall's Island as an alternative they said they would rather wait and spend the interim in Harlem jail.

**Enright's Move Challenged**

**Civil Service League Objects to  
Ten Women Appointments**

The ten policewomen recently appointed by Commissioner Enright are going to have their salaries cut off by the Civil Service Reform League unless the commissioner can justify his appointments. It was announced yesterday. Court action to this end, it was said, will be brought at once if Mr. Enright cannot show that the ten women chosen were qualified for the work under the operation of the civil service rules.

"If it develops, as we believe it will," George T. Keyes, secretary of the league, said yesterday, "that the appointments were made under the war emergency statute, now obsolete, and without reference to the civil service rules, our law committee will proceed at once legally to compel the commissioner to appoint from a regular list as required by law."

## 918 Motorists Haled to Court In Past Week

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make a certain number of arrests. If they are in such a state of mind they won't always make sure of getting clear violations."

"And where you get a state of affairs in which the court loses faith and confidence in the police, the whole traffic system is impaired and its chance to do efficient work is shattered."

**System Won't Hold Up.**

Magistrate House said that if the pressure brought on the courts kept up the present system "simply won't be able to handle things."

It is understood that 300 cases will be brought into Traffic Court tomorrow.

"The people of this city know just how anxious Magistrate Cobb and I are to make the streets safe and to punish reckless drivers," said Magistrate House, "but I am afraid the police aren't doing much to achieve that purpose."

"I can understand that the Police Department may feel that a tremendous drive such as they have been carrying on since Monday will have a moral effect. If we believed they were going at things in the right way we'd stand ready to help them."

"But it seems to me they ought to give more attention to serious violations of the law. They are mixing the type of violations for which they are making wholesale arrests and bringing us cases which heretofore have not been deemed sufficient basis for taking up this court's time."

**Usual Average About Sixty**

The Traffic Court operated four days last week. No cases were heard on Memorial Day, and yesterday's session was devoted to adjourned cases. Robert J. Sheridan, the court clerk, said the daily average heretofore seldom went above sixty.

"During the last week 184 arrests were made for failing to keep to the right", 107 arrests for "turning without signal", 62 drivers who "failed to stop on signal" were arrested, and 67 drivers were brought into court for "obstructing traffic." Violators of the "back ordinance," which provides the number of vehicles which are permitted to park at backstands, totaled 55.

Commenting on the crusade, Chief Magistrate McAdoo said last night:

"The only way really to regulate traffic is to have the traffic squad working on a well established basis, systematically and courageously carried out all the time. You can't regulate traffic by spurts, by making raids and pulling everybody in."

**Enright "Not Responsible"**

Police Commissioner Enright yesterday disclaimed all responsibility for and knowledge of the "even-day order" signed by Captain John C. Ormsby of Traffic Squad C.

"I have never issued an order directing traffic policemen to serve five summonses daily, and no such order was ever issued from Inspector O'Brien's office," the Commissioner said.

"We are rigidly enforcing traffic regulations, that is all. I can't tell what any particular commanding officer of the traffic squad may have said to his men."

## Need of U. S. Aid Urgent, Says Red Cross Worker

**Officer of Organization Tells of  
Devastation in War  
Areas**

Homer Folks, a lieutenant colonel of the American Red Cross, who directed the civil affairs of that organization in France for nearly two years, arrived here yesterday from Liverpool on the Cunard liner Carmania with an urgent appeal to the generosity of the American people to help the suffering peoples of the Allied nations.

Although the losses of the Allies were not incurred directly for America's benefit, he said, they were incurred for a cause which later became hers, and it is fitting that America should assist abundantly in helping out these war-stricken nations. He has been over all the devastated areas in the west and in the east, he said, and had first-hand knowledge of the enormous poverty and depression.

"All is darkness and gloom everywhere," he said, "but here the sun still shines. We have our homes and our families and we still live in comfort. The need of American help is still as serious in some of the devastated regions as it was at any time during the war. When the war ended millions of refugees began to give up such jobs and shelter as they had and go back to what had been their old homes, some of them walking hundreds of miles."

## Red Cross Meals Greet Inner-Doughboy Home

**Canteen at Hoboken Army Piers  
Has Capacity of 51,000  
Rations Every Day**

Every soldier from France debarking at Hoboken is served with a hot meal by the Red Cross emergency canteen before he starts for the demobilization camp. The canteen has a capacity of 51,000 meals every twenty-four hours, and has been overtaxed only once, when the Leviathan and the Imperator arrived with 30,000 men and the Ohioan and Manchuria arrived the same day with thousands more.

John S. Ellsworth, head of the Red Cross metropolitan canteen service, gave all the credit for the establishment of the port kitchen yesterday to General David C. Shanks, commander of the port of debarkation.

"General Shanks asked our cooperation," said Mr. Ellsworth. "The army supplies the hot meals and pies, the Red Cross the coffee, buns, cigarettes and candy. The service, of course, is entirely in the hands of Red Cross workers."

Captain John J. Wilkins, in charge of the port kitchen, has invented a container, built on the vacuum principle, to keep the meals hot for the returning soldiers. The huge pots are insulated with burning charcoal.

Mr. Ellsworth said yesterday that the favorite dish of the returning troops is "hot dogs" and liberty cabbage, which before the war was known as sauerkraut.

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The Store will be closed at 5 P. M. on MONDAY, June 16th thus starting the Summer Schedule of Closing Hours

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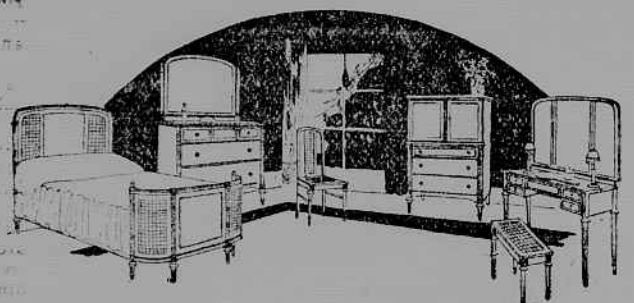
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